

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-8 are allowed.

Claims 9-12 are rejected.

Claims 13 and 14 are objected to.

Claims 10-13 are canceled.

Claims 9 and 14 are amended.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 9 and 14, along with allowed claims 1-8, is respectfully requested in view of the following:

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-8 are allowed.

Responses to Rejections to Claims – 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Amberg et al (GB 2 353 373 A) (Amberg) in view of Microsoft Press Computer Dictionary (Microsoft Press), and official notice. This rejection is not applicable to the amended claims.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the helpful comments regarding the allowability of claims 13 and 14. Claims 13 and 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim (i.e. claim 9), but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants present herewith, claim 9 amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 9-13, with claim 14 amended to depend from claim 9.

Therefore, independent claims 1 and 9 and their respective dependent claims are submitted to be allowable.

In view of all of the above, the allowance of claims 1-9 and 14 is respectfully requested.

The amended claims are supported by the original application.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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